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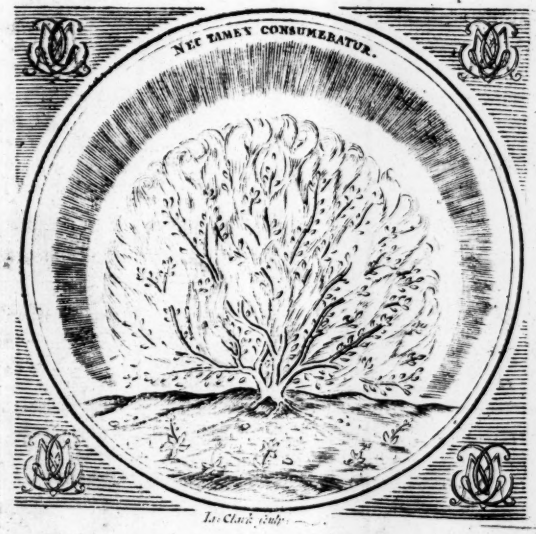

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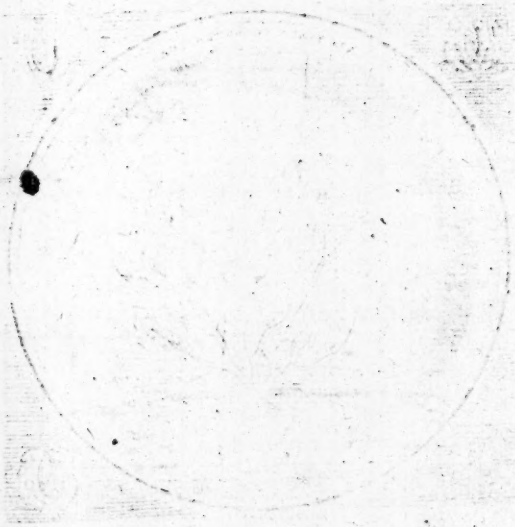

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Holden and Begun at *Edinburgh*, *March* 29. 1694. And Ending *April* 17. next thereafter.

I.

The Recording of Their Majesties *Commission to John* Lord *Carmichael, for representing Their* Majesties *in this* General Assembly.

Edinburgh 29, March 1694. *Post Meridiem.* Sess. 1.

THIS day, the *General Assembly* of this National Church being met and constitute, There was produced to them by a Noble Lord, *John* Lord *Carmichael*, Their Majesties *Commission*, under the Great Seal of the Kingdom of *Scotland*, Nominating and appointing Him, to be Their Majesties High Commissioner and Representative in this General Assembly: Which Commission was publickly Read, with all due Honour and Respect; And the General Assembly appointed, and hereby appoints, the said Commission to be Recorded, in the Books of the General Assembly, therein to remain, *ad futuram rei memoriam*, Whereof the *Tenor* follows. "*GULIELMUS* & "*MARIA*, Dei Gratia, Magnæ *Britanniæ*, *Franciæ* & "*Hiberniæ*, Rex & Regina, Fideique Defensores: Omnibus probis

" Hominibus ſuis, ad quos præſentes Literæ Noſtræ pervenerint,
" *Salutem.* Quandoquidem nos Regio noſtro Animo perpenden-
" tes, quam neceſſarium ſit ad Religionem Reformatam melius fir-
" mandam, Pietatem & Sanctitatem propagandam, & pacem & u-
" nitatem, in Eccleſiâ hâc, & in Antiqui ori noſtro Scotiæ Regno
" efficaciter acquirendam, Ut *Generalis* dictæ Eccleſiæ *Conventus*
" *Viceſimo Nono* die Menſis *Martii* Inſtantis debitè obſervetur;
" Nos autem in dicto Conventu intereſſe Nequimus: Ideoque Emi-
" nentiſſimi cuidam & Illuſtriſſimi Ordinis Viro, Fidelitate, Pietate,
" aliiſque perpulchris & ſingularibus animi dotibus imbuto, Sa-
" cras Noſtras Perſonas & Authoritatem, in eodem Repræſentandi,
" jus & poteſtatem committere Statuimus. Cumque Teſtimoniis
" perplurimis & probatis, abundè nobis compertum ſit, de præcla-
" ris animi dotibus, fide Eximiâ, & Intaminatâ Integritate fidiſſimi
" & prædilecti Noſtri Conſiliarii, *Joannis* Domini *Carmichael*;
" Speciatim vero, quod ſummâ cum fidelitate & prudentia, idem
" munus obiverat in priore Generali Conventu; Quodque ad mu-
" nera Officii illius Ritè Exercenda, & Pia & Regia noſtra propoſi-
" ta ſupra mentionata efficaciter promovenda, uſquequaque eſt I-
" doneus. *Noveritis* Igitur Nos nominâſſe, Conſtituiſſe & Ordinâſſe,
" ſicuti per haſce Noſtras patentes Literas Nominamus, cõſtituimus
" & ordinamus, Eundem *Joannem* Dominum *Carmichael*, Supre-
" mum Noſtrum Commiſſionarium, Quoad effectum infra ex-
" preſſum. Damus pariter & concedimus illi, ſacras Noſtras per-
" ſonas & Authoritatem Regiam, Repræſentandi, Locumque No-
" ſtrum in dicto ſubſequenti Generali Conventu, Tanquam Com-
" miſſionario Noſtro, in hunc effectum ſpecialiter conſtituto, Te-
" nendi, Omniaque alia ad Imperium & Munus Commiſſionarii,
" pro Generali Eccleſiæ Conventu peragendi, Tam plenè, ad eoque
" liberè in quovis Reſpectu, quam Quilibet alius ejuſdem Supremi
" Muneris & Characteris fecerat, ſeu quovis tempore Retroacto fa-
" cere potuerat, atque adeo ſicuti Noſmet ipſi perſonaliter præſen-
" tes facere poſſemus, pleniſſimam & ampliſſimam Noſtram pote-
" teſtatem & Commiſſionem. Quæquidem omnia & ſingula, à
" dicto *Joanne* Domino *Carmichael*, in hâc Noſtrâ Commiſſione
" proſequendâ, legitmè facienda, Nos firmiter approbamus,
" Rata habemus & habituri ſumus. Omnibus & ſingulis Inſuper
" antedicti Conventus & Eccleſiæ Paſtoribus & Presbyteris, & Cæ-
" teris quibuſcunque hujus Noſtri Regni ſubditis, Cujuſcunque
" Qualitatis ſeu Conditionis, Ut dictum *Joannem* Dominum *Car-*
" *michael*, Tanquam Supremum Noſtrum Commiſſionarium,
" Quoad effectum & Modum ſupra mentionatum, Agnoſcant, Re-
" vereantur, & dicto ipſius Audientes ſe præbeant, ſtrictè Manda-
" mus & Imperamus. Ac denique hanc Noſtram Commiſſionem,
" à die quo Magnum hujus Regni Sigillum præſentibus eſt appen-
" ſum, durante toto tempore dicti Generalis Conventus, in vigore
" continuare Declaravimus, & per præſentes declaramus. In cujus

" Rei

"Rei Testimonium, Præsentibus Magnum Sigillum Nostrum Ap-
"pendi præcepimus. Apud Aulam Nostram de *Kensingtoun, Vige-*
"*simo Tertio* die mensis *Martii*, Anno Domini Millesimo Sex-
"centesimo Nonagesimo quarto, Et anno Regni Nostri quinto.

Per signaturam manu S.D.N. *Suprascriptam.*

{ Locus Sigilli Appensi }

IN DORSO:

Sealed at Edinburgh *the* 27. *day of* March 1694. *John Dickson.*

Written to the great Seal, and Registrat the 27. *day of* March 1694. Dun. Ronald *Dpt.*

II.

Appointment of a Diet to be kept by the Assembly for Prayer.

Eadem Sessione.

THE General Assembly Appoints to Morrow, being *Friday*, betwixt Nine and Twelve a Clock in the Forenoon, to be set a part for publick Prayer by the Members of this Assembly: And Recommends to all the saids Members to meet timously in the Assembly-House for that effect.

III.

The General Assemblies Letter to his Majesty:

Edinburgh 31 March 1694. *Ante Meridiem*, Sess. 2.

May it please Your Majesty,

WE the Ministers and Elders, conveened in this present General Assembly of the Church of *Scotland*, are most sensible of the great Goodness of God, for which we do Bless His Holy Name, in Disposing and Enabling Your Majesty, to do so great Things for this Church, both For-

merly, and Now in Calling and Countenancing by Your Royal Authority this Assembly, which was so needful at this time; And in giving by Your High Commissioner, all Assurance of Your Royal Resolutions to maintain Presbyterian Government in the Church of *Scotland*. We are also sensible, how much, under God, we owe unto Your Majesty, in a way of thankful Duty, on this behalf. And as Your Majesty has done so much for our Religion and Liberties; so the Ministers of this Established Church, have fully Expressed and Demonstrated to the World, their Unviolable Loyalty, and good Affection to Your Majesties. And now, *Great Sir*, Your Majesty having put into our Hand, this Seasonable Opportunity, of imploying our selves, with Freedom and Liberty, about what may concern the Glory of God, and the Good of this National Church, in our Station and Capacity, under Your favourable Countenance and Protection; We are Resolved, through the Assistance of God, to apply our selves to our Business, so assiduously and constantly, as that Your Majesty may in a short time, have a full Account of our Proceedings, from Your High Commissioner the Lord *Carmichael*, Of whose Integrity, Prudence and Conduct, we have formerly had sufficient Experience: And we are very hopeful, that Nothing shall proceed from this Assembly, that shall be uneasie or dissatisfying to Your Majesty; But that we shall be found, Faithfully to have endeavoured, amidst all our Difficulties and Discouragements, the Healing, Composure and Peace of this Afflicted Church, and the furtherance of Your Majesties Service in our Stations, as the Lord shall enable us. Our Fervent and Hearty Prayer to the Almighty God, is and shall be, That He by whom Kings Reign, may Bless Your Majesty and the Queen, with the best of His Blessings, Preserve Your Persons, Guide and Direct Your Counsels, Give Success unto Your Forces both by Sea and by Land, against the Common Enemy. And make Your Government Prosperous and Happy, To the Glory of His Great Name, to the Good of His Church, To the Advantage of Your People within Your own Dominions, And to the Comfort also of all that profess the True Reformed Religion elsewhere.

Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at our Appointment, By

JO: LAW *Moderator.*

IV.

IV.

Act anent the giving in of Commissions.

Eadem Sessione.

THE General Assembly taking to Consideration, how inconvenient it is, That the Rolls of the Assembly should be made up when the Assembly is met and actually sitting, and how much time is unnecessarly spent thereby; And being desirous that for the future it may be Remeeded: Therefore the General Assembly doth hereby Appoint, that in time coming, the Commissioners from Presbytries and others, shall give in their respective Commissions, to the Clerk of the General Assembly, the Night at least, before the first Diet or Meeting thereof; To the effect the Rolls may be timously made up, and that the Commissions may be considered by the Assembly without any Interruption through the Making of the Rolls. And the General Assembly Appoints, that any such Commissions as may happen to be undelivered before the said first Dyet, shall only be delivered in the Intervals betwixt the After-dyets, and no ways in presence of the Assembly while actually sitting.

V.

Act anent the Representation of Presbytries in the General Assemblies.

Edinburgh 2. *April* 1694. Post meridiem Sess. 3.

THE General Assembly doth hereby Enact and Appoint, That in all time coming, the Representation of the several Presbytries of this National Church, in its General Assemblies, shall hold proportion to the number of Parishes, in which there are, or ought to be setled Ministers, within each Presbytry; in manner following. That is to say, That all Presbytries consisting of *Twelve* Parishes, or under that Number, shall send *Two* Ministers, and One Ruling Elder: And that all Presbytries consisting of *Eighteen* Parishes, or under that Number, but above Twelve, shall send Three Ministers and One Ruling Elder: And that all Presbytries consisting of *Twenty Four* Parishes, or under that Number, but above Eighteen, shall

ſend Four Miniſters and Two Ruling Elders: And laſtly, That all Presbytries conſiſting of *above Twenty Four* Pariſhes, ſhall ſend Five Miniſters and Two Ruling Elders, to the General Aſſemblies. And it is hereby declared, That Collegiat Kirks, where there uſe to be Two or moe Miniſters, are ſo far as concerns the deſign of this Act, underſtood to be as many diſtinct Paroches.

And farther the General Aſſembly hereby Enacts, Appoints and Declares, That no perſons ſhall be admitted Members of Aſſemblies, but ſuch as are either Miniſters or Ruling Elders.

VI.

Act for the better Regulating Tranſportations of Miniſters, and Appeals thereanent.

Edinburgh 4. *April* 1694, Poſt meridiem Seſſ. 5.

THE General Aſſembly taking to Conſideration, That deſigns of Tranſportations are become too common to many Paroches, and very troubleſome to Neighbouring Congregations, and to Church Judicatories; Therefore the General Aſſembly hereby Recommends to all Paroches, who are or may be vacant, that before they deſign the Calling of any Miniſter already fixed in another Congregation, they do firſt ſeriouſly Eſſay and follow other means of providing themſelves, if they can be found. As alſo the General Aſſembly hereby Recommends, to all Presbytries, That they do not concurr in any ſuch Call, or deſign of Tranſporting a Miniſter, from one Congregation to another; Unleſs by due comparing of places and all Parties concerned, The diſproportion betwixt them, and the greater good of the Church be manifeſtly evident.

And ſiclike when any ſuch deſign of Tranſportation is purſued, The General Aſſembly hereby Ordains that all Parties concerned therein, ſhall debate with ſuch Meekneſs and Brotherly kindneſs, as becometh Parts and Members of the ſame Body of Chriſt, deſigning the good of the whole: And that they Repreſent their Reaſons and Anſwers, with due perſpicuity and all poſſible brevity, and that they do not needleſly expatiat on things which concern not the True Merit of the Cauſe. And the General Aſſembly hereby prohibits all lengthning of Debates, by Replies and Duplies, unleſs the Judicatory before whom the debate lyes, find it neceſſary for clearing ſome matter

matter of Fact, or becauſe of ſome new matter that hath occurred, which could not be conſidered before.

And further to prevent unneceſſary and contentious Appeals in ſuch Matters, It is hereby Declared and Ordained, That if both the competing Paroches be within the Bounds of the ſame Presbytry, In that Caſe, the Deciſion and Sentence of the Presbytry ſhall take effect and be obeyed; Or if the Paroches be in different Presbytries, but both Presbytries within the ſame Synod, In that Caſe, the Deciſion and Sentence of the Synod ſhall alſo take effect and be obeyed: Seing theſe reſpective Judicatories are equally concerned in both Paroches, and may be thought fitteſt to Judge both of the Diſproportion of the Paroches, and the ſutableneſs and fitneſs of the Perſon Called, for either of the places. Yet always allowing Liberty to any Perſon or Paroch, who think themſelves Grieved, to Appeal to ſuperiour Judicatories, to have Redreſs by taking off the Sentence, and Cenſuring the reſpective Judicatory Complained of, if they be found to have Malverſed: But with this Certification, that if any be found unneceſſarly to purſue Appeals and Complaints, they ſhall be ſeverely Cenſured therefore.

VII.

Act anent the giving in of Proceſſes, &c.

Eadem Seſſione.

THE General Aſſembly Conſidering, how inconvenient it is, That Proceſſes or other Papers ſhould be brought in, in preſence of the Aſſembly, while it is actually ſitting, without any previous acquainting the Moderator or Clerk therewith; DOTH therefore hereby Enact and Appoint, that all Proceſſes or other Papers be delivered to the Clerk, in the Intervals betwixt the Diets of the Aſſemblies Meeting: Declaring that ſuch as ſhall be otherways delivered, ſhall be laid aſide for that Diet.

VIII.

Act anent Appeals.

Edinburgh 6 April 1694: *Post Meridiem* Sess. 7.

THE General Assembly of this National Church, for preventing some Mistakes, that have happened about Appeals; DOTH hereby Appoint, That any Appeals made in write under the Appellants Hand with the Reasons thereof, in presence of the Judicatory Appeal'd from, shall be Extracted by the Appellant, in due Form, from the Records of the said Judicatory, and produced to the Judicatory Appeal'd to, at the discussing thereof, with a Citation of the Parties Defenders therein, either *apud acta* if they be present when the Appeal is made, or a separat Citation if they be absent.

And because by the former practice, Parties not instantly giving in their subscribed Appeals at the time of the Sentence, were allowed verbally to Appeal, and protest for Liberty to give in their subscribed Appeals with the Reasons thereof, within the space of Ten Days thereafter, And because that before the said space the said Judicatory may happen to be up; Therefore it is hereby Appointed and Ordained, That all Parties, who have immediatly after Sentence verbally Appeal'd and Protested as aforesaid, shall within the said space of Ten Days, give in their saids subscribed Appeals with the Reasons thereof, to the Clerk of the Judicatory Appeal'd from, Notwithstanding it may be up before that time: And likeways that they shall within the same Ten Days, Intimat their said Appeal with the Reasons of the same, to the Moderator of the said Judicatory, and leave an Authentick Copy thereof with him. Which Appeals and Reasons are hereby allowed to be Registrat by the Clerk, and Summons to be direct by him, for Citing the Parties Defenders thereupon. And Extracts thereof with the Citation foresaid, are appointed to be produced by the Appellants, at discussing, to the Judicatory Appeal'd to. And the General Assembly hereby appoints the Clerk, to Intimate to the said Judicatory, at their first Meeting thereafter, that such Appeals were given in to him in the Intervals of their Meetings.

And sicklike the General Assembly hereby Appoints, that all Defenders in Appeals, who insist for discussing thereof, shall produce Extracts of the saids Appeals and Reasons to the Judica-

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tory Appeal'd to. And lastly, The General Assembly hereby Declares, that any Appeals or Insistings thereanent otherways made shall be Rejected.

IX.

Act anent Lecturing.

Edinburgh 10 April 1694. *Post Meridiem* Sess 9.

THE General Assembly of this National Church Considering, how Necessary and Edifying it is, That the People be well acquaint with the Holy Scriptures; DOTH therefore Recommend to the several Presbytries, that they endeavour, that the Ministers within their respective Bounds, shall in their Exercise of Lecturing, Read and open up to the people, some Large and Considerable portion of the Word of God. And this to the effect, the old Custom Introduced and Established by the Directory, may by degrees be Recovered.

X.

Act anent Probationers.

Edinburgh 11 April 1694. *Post Mediem* Sess. 10.

THE General Assembly of this National Church hereby Appoints, That no Presbytry shall admit any person to Trial, in order to Preaching, but such as are of Sound Principles, and of a Sober, Grave, Prudent and Pious Behaviour, and of whom they have Ground to Conceive good Hopes, that they shall be Useful and Edifying in the Church. And for this end it is hereby appointed, That such persons shall produce before the Presbytries who admit them to Tryal, sufficient Testimonials from the Ministers of the Paroches where they lived, and from the Presbytries in whose Bounds they resided, and also from the Professors of Divinity, where they may have attended the Profession for some time. And if the saids persons come from a place

where there is no Presbytry yet Constitute according to the Legal Establishment, They shall produce Testificates from the next adjacent Presbytry, who are to inform themselves concerning their Principles and Behaviour, and to Testify of them accordingly.

And siclike the General Assembly hereby Appoints, That when such persons are first Licensed to be Probationers, They shall oblige themselves to Preach only within the bounds, or by the direction of that Presbytry, which did License them; And they shall also by Promise and Subscription, engage themselves, That they shall be subject to the Presbytry that did License them, or to any other Church Judicatory, where in providence they shall have their abode, for shorter or longer time; And that they shall follow no Divisive course: And this their Engagement shall be insert in the body of their License. And farther, the General Assembly appoints, That when they are removing from that Presbytry which did Licence them, They shall carry with them an Extract of their Licence, and a Testimonial from the Presbytry of their Carriage, which they are to present to the Presbytry to which they come, or at least to some Minister therein, before they preach within that bounds; And which Minister is not to imploy them, except in his own Pulpit, until he give notice thereof to the Presbytry at their next meeting, and have their allowance. As also it is hereby appointed that the said Presbytry to which the saids Probationers so come, shall require the same subjection and orderly Carriage, from the saids Probationers, during their abode in that bounds, to which they were engaged, to the Presbytry by which they were Licenced. And if they go to any place where a Presbytry is not yet Constitute according to the Legal Establishment, They shall be obliged before They preach in that bounds, to make their address to the next adjacent and legally Erected Presbytry, to whom they shall be subject, and by whom they shall be directed as aforesaid.

And in case The saids Probationers Malverse in Doctrine or Conversation, They shall be Countable to, and Censurable by the foresaid Respective Judicatories, as they shall see cause. And if the saids Probationers refuse Subjection, or prove Contumacious to such Censure, whether of Reproof, Suspending the exercise of their Licence, or of Recalling the said Licence; Intimation shall be made thereof by the said Judicatory, to the Neighbouring Judicatories, or where they shall understand the saids Probationers are, That so none may imploy them to preach, nor their after Irregularities be imputed to the Presbytries that did Licence them, or where they afterwards had their abode:

It is always hereby expresly Provided and declared, That the foresaids Probationers are not to be esteemed by themselves or others, to preach by vertue of any Pastoral Office, but only to make way for their being called to a Pastoral Charge. XI

XI.

Act approving Overtures anent A Commission of the General Assembly, and Instructions thereto.

Edinburgh 13 *April* 1694. Post Meridiem. Sess. 13.

THIS day, The following Overtures and Instructions were Read in presence of the General Assembly. The Tenor whereof follows.

"1. It is Overtured to the General Assembly, That there be a "Commission appointed by this General Assembly, to meet and "take such Affairs under their consideration, as the General As- "sembly shall think fit to commit to them.

"2 That out of this Commission, There be a certain Number "specially appointed by the General Assembly, as a Committee "to go to the North, with Power to the Commission to add any "more of their Number, as they think fit.

"3. That this Commission consist of Fifty Ministers and "Twenty five Ruling Elders, Fifteen to be the *Quorum*, of whom "Ten to be Ministers.

"4. That out of this Commission, Fifteen Ministers and five "Ruling Elders, Besides these Ministers and Ruling Elders of the "North, who shall be named in the foresaid Commission, Be ap- "pointed as a Committee, as said is, To go to the North; Thir- "teen of which Committee to be the *Quorum*, of whom seven to "be of these Commissioners who are on the South side of *Tay*; "And of these seven, Five at least to be Ministers. And that the "said Committee, have the same power on the North side of *Tay* "as the Commission it self.

"5. That the General Assembly appoint the first meeting of "this Commission, and that the Meeting be before the Mem- "bers go out of Town after the Assembly Ends; And that the "Commission do appoint their own after Meetings, and "likewayes the time when the said Committee should meet in the "North.

"6. That this Commission may receive into Ministerial Com- "munion, such of the late Conform Ministers, as having quali- "fied themselves according to Law, shall apply personally to "them, One by one, duely and orderly, and shall acknowledge, "Engage, and Subscribe upon the end of the *Confession of Faith*, "as follows *viz.*

I Do *sincerely own and declare, The above Confession of Faith, approven by former* General Assemblies *of this Church, and Ratified by Law in the Year* 1690, *to be the Confession of My*

Faith; And that I own the Doctrine therein contained, to be the True Doctrine, which I will constantly adhere to; As likewayes that I own and acknowledge Presbyterian Church Government of this Church, Now setled by Law, By Kirk Sessions, Presbytries, Provincial Synods and General Assemblies, To be the Only Government of This Church, And that I will submit thereto, concurr therewith, and never endeavour Directly nor Indirectly, the prejudice or subversion thereof; And that I shall observe Uniformity of Worship, and of the Administration of all publick Ordinances within this Church, as the same are at present performed and allowed.

"And the Commission is to have special Reguard to their Ministerial qualifications. And if any of the saids Ministers so applying, or any other Ministers within this Church, of what perswasion soever, shall be accused or informed against, of any Scandal, Error, Supine Negligence or Insufficiency, Then the said Commission shall make Inquiry thereinto, cite parties, lead Witnesses, take Depositions, and do every other thing that may clear the matter of Fact informed against them, and Report the same and their Diligence therein, to the next General Assembly. Providing always, that if any be accused of Gross uncontroverted Scandals, and these clearly proven; In that case the Commission shall proceed to Determine as they find cause: As it is likewayes expected of all Presbytries in this Kingdom, That they will use that Discretion in their behaviour and Government, as that (during the continuance of this Commission) in all Processes against any Ministers, they advise with their Respective Synods, or in case of urgent necessity, consult with the said Commission. As also that the General Assembly Require all Presbytries and Synods, in their admiting or Receiving any to Ministerial Communion, That they oblige them, to take and subscribe the above *Acknowledgement*: And that during the said time, neither this Commission, nor any other Judicatory of this Church, do take advantage to censure any Minister whatsomever, for not having qualified himself, in the terms of the Act of Parliament 1693. Intituled "*Act for setling the Quiet and Peace of the Church*. As likeways that the said Commission and all other Judicatories are to take care, that if any shall be found to have Maliciously or Calumniously accused any Minister, They shall be condignly censured, according to the order and practice of this Church. As also that the Assembly ordain, That none of these Ministers who are not presently in Charges, be received into Ministerial Communion, but by the said Commission, or by that Presbytry or Synod of the bounds in which They Now Reside.

7. That

"7. That this Commission and Committee foresaid shall be "careful to setle Eldershipps and plant Ministers, in vacant Congre- "gations on the North side of *Tay*, Either by ordaining well qua- "lified Expectants (who shall be bound at their entry to Subscribe "the said Confession of Faith with the *Acknowledgement* above "expreſt) Or by Transporting Ministers, who shall be called by any "vacant Congregation therein (the Presbytry to which they be- "long being first applyed unto) Requiring all Ministers who shall "be so called, to give obedience to these sentences of Transporta- "tion. With power likewayes to the said Commission, to re- "ceive any Appeals that shall be made in any process of Tran- "sportation of a Minister from one Synod to another (which Ap- "peals may be from any such Presbytry, to the Synod or Com- "mission, which of these two shall first happen to sit) And to de- "termine finally therein as they find cause.

"8. And seing there are diverse processes led before several Ju- "dicatories of this Church, against Mr. *John Hepburn*, which by "References thereanent ly before this Assembly, That therefore "the General Assembly do Remit these Processes to the conside- "ration of the said Commission. And it being informed that se- "veral Aspersions are laid on the Ministers and Judicatories of "this Church, by some persons, as if the saids Ministers and Ju- "dicatories had Receded from the known Principles thereof, In "Relation to the Constitution and Government of the Church "contained in the Confession of Faith, Tho' the contrary thereof "be evident, Not only by the Ministers of this Church their own- "ing of, and adhereing to the said Confession, wherein these "Principles are contained, But also by the whole course of their "Ministry; That therefore the General Assembly Require the "said Commission, to take all due pains to inform, convince and "satisfie any such persons, of their Mistakes, that they may be "Reclaimed.

"9. That such References and Appeals as the General Assem- "bly cannot overtake to determine, and shall be particularly "Remitted to the said Commission by the Assembly; The same "shall by the said Commission be taken to consideration, Cog- "nosced upon, and finaly determined as they see cause.

"10. That this Commission do not take on them to medle with "any thing not contained in Their Commission; And that in all "their Actings, They be Countable to, and Censurable by the next "ensuing General Assemly.

"And Lastly that this Comission continue till the second "Tuesday, of *April* 1695. or the meeting of the next General "Assembly, which soever of these two shall first happen.

All which Overtures and Instructions above set down being maturely considered, The General Assembly of this Na-

National Church hereby Approves thereof: And Recommends and Appoints according thereto in all points.

XII.

Act anent Proceſſes againſt Miniſters.

Edinburgh 14 April 1694. *Poſt Meridiem* Seſſ. 13.

THE General Aſſembly doth ſeriouſly Recommend to all the Presbytries of this Church, to proceed in all Proceſſes againſt Miniſters, with all due Circumſpection and Prudence, And that they Conſult their reſpective Synods, or in caſe of Urgent Neceſſity, the Commiſſion of this Aſſembly, therein. And the General Aſſembly hereby Requires, That no Judicatory of this Church, do take advantage, to Cenſure any Miniſter whatſomever, for not having qualified himſelf in the Terms of the Act of Parliament 1693, Intituled, *Act for ſetling the Quiet and Peace of the Church*. And this Act to endure, only till the Second Tueſday of *April* 1695, Or the Meeting of the next General Aſſembly, which of the Two ſhall firſt happen.

XIII.

Act againſt Prophanneſs.

Edinburgh 16 April 1694. *Poſt Meridiem* Seſſ. 14.

THE General Aſſembly of this National Church, taking into ſerious Conſideration, how much God is diſhonoured by the Impiety and Prophanneſs that aboundeth in this Nation, in prophane and idle Swearing, Curſing, Sabbath breaking, Neglect and Contempt of Goſpel Ordinances, Mocking of Piety and Religious Exerciſes, Fornication, Adultery, Drunkenneſs, Blaſphemy and other Groſs and Abominable Sins and Vices: And how much it concerns the Honour and Glory of God, that the ſame be Reſtrained and Suppreſſed, and that Vertue and Godlineſs be encouraged: And alſo what may be the Remedies of theſe deteſtable Sins; DOTH therefore Exhort and Require, That Miniſters and all who Fear God, have on their Hearts, a deep Humbling and Soul-affecting Senſe of theſe Evils, and

and be much in Prayer and Supplication before God on this account: And that all the Ministers of this Church preach plainly & faithfully against these Vices, and Denounce the threatned Judgements of God against such Evil-doers, And deal earnestly & much with their Consciences, to bring them to a Conviction and Sense of their Sin and Danger. As also the General Assembly appoints, That Church Judicatories do faithfully Exercise Church Discipline against all such Scandalous Offenders, with that Gravity, Prudence and Meekness of Wisdom, as by the Blessing of God, may prove an Effectual Mean of Reforming and Recovering the Guilty, and of preventing the like Sins in Others.

And farther the General Assembly Requires that care be taken in the Receiving of Servants, that they have Testimonials of their Honest and Christian Behaviour; And that the same be Required of all Others, who Flitt and Remove from one Paroch to another.

And also the General Assembly appoints, That the Ministers and Elders in each Congregation take care that the Worship of God be performed in the several Families thereof. And if any Family be found which neglecteth this necessary Duty, The Head of that Family is to be Gravely, Seriously and Earnestly Admonished, until he amend his Fault. And Recommends to Ministers and Kirk-Sessions, That none be Ruling Elders, who make not Conscience of this necessary and unquestionable Duty: And that no grosly Ignorant and Scandalous Person be admitted to the *Lord's Table.*

And likeways The General Assembly Recommends to all Ministers and Kirk-Sessions, That they carefully apply to the several Magistrates of their Bounds, that the Acts of Parliament against Prophanness, may be put in Execution, and particularly the Act of Parliament *June* 15. 1693. Intituled, *Act against Prophanness.*

And Lastly, The General Assembly Ordains that this present Act be publickly Read and Intimate in all Churches.

XIV.

Act appointing ſome Miniſters for the Supply of the North.

Eadem Seſſione.

THE General Aſſembly of this National Church, Taking to Conſideration, the many Vacancies in this Church, be North the Water of *Tay*, and the paucity of Miniſters in theſe parts, who are in any Condition to give Supply without their own Congregations; And alſo having before them, the Petitions of ſeveral Noblemen, Gentlemen and Magiſtrates of Burghs living in theſe Parts: Therefore the General Aſſembly have Ordained and hereby Ordain, That the Synods be South *Tay*, ſhall ſend North, the number of *Sixteen Miniſters*, according to the proportions aftermentioned, For ſupply of the Vacancies within the Synods of *Angus* and *Mearns*, *Aberdeen*, *Murray*, *Roſs*, *Sutherland* and *Caithneſs*. That is to ſay, That there be *Two* ſent to ſupply the Vacancies of *Angus* and *Mearns*, including the Kirk of *Ratray*. *Four* to ſupply the Vacancies within the Town and Province of *Aberdeen*. *Six* to ſupply the Vacancies within the Synod of *Murray*. And *Four* to ſupply the Vacancies within the Synods of *Roſs*, *Sutherland* and *Caithneſs*. And Ordains that the Synods of *Fyffe*, *Perth*, *Louthian*, *Merſe* and *Teviotdal*, *Glaſgow*, *Galloway* and *Drumfreis*, do ſend to the North for that effect the Miniſters after named, *viz.* From the Synod of *Fiffe* Mr. *Thomas Ruſſel* at *Kennowny* and Mr. *James Haddow* at *Coupar*. From the Synod of *Louthian* Mr. *John Frazer* at *Glencorſs*, Mr *Donald Campbell* at the *Queensferry*, Mr. *Robert Livingſtoun* at *Libbertoun* in the Presbytry of *Biggar*, and Mr. *Robert Colvil* at *Baro*. From the Synod of *Perth* any one of their Number to ſupply the Congregation of *Ratray*. From the Synod of *Merſe* and *Teviotdale* Mr. *George Guthry* at *Oxnam*, and Mr. *John Dyſart* at *Langtoun*. From the Synod of *Glaſgow*, Mr. *James Brisbane* at *Kilmalcolme*, Mr. *Andrew Tait* at *Carmunock*, Mr. *John Glaſgow* at *Kilburnie*, Mr. *Duncan Campbel* at *Roſneath* (or any other for him having the Iriſh Tongue, whom the Presbytry of *Dumbartoun* ſhall Appoint) and Mr. *Andrew Rogers* at *Galſtoun*. From the Synod of *Galloway*, Mr. *John Murdoch* at *Corſmichael*. And from the Synod of *Drumfreis*, Mr. *William Somervel* at *Traquier*. IN all Sixteen: WHO are hereby Ordained to Repair to the Commiſſion of this General Aſſembly to meet at *Edinburgh*, againſt the Eighteenth day of *April* inſtant, and

XIV. See the Commiſſions Act therein, after the Index of the unprinted Acts

and receive Directions from the ſaid Commiſſion, to go to ſuch particular Synods in the North, as it ſhall direct, and thereafter to be adviſed by the Miniſters Reſiding in theſe reſpective Synods, to what particular Congregations they ſhall apply themſelves. And likeways the General Aſſembly Ordains that the ſaids Miniſters, make all Diligence (with the Lord's Aſſiſtance) to be at the reſpective places to which they are to be ſent, againſt the *firſt Sabbath of June* next, where they are to continue for the ſpace of *Three Months*. AT which time, the General Aſſembly doth hereby Ordain the abovewritten Synods of the South, to lend a New Supply to the North, of as many Miniſters more (if need require) to continue for the *Second Quarter*: And ſo forth *Quarterly*, ay and while the ſiting of the next General Aſſembly: And that according to the proportion underwritten, To wit, From the Synod of *Fiffe* Three. From the Synod of *Perth* One. From the Synod of *Louthian* Four. From the Synod of *Merſe* Two. From the Synod of *Glaſgow* Four. From that of *Galloway* One. And from that of *Drumfrees* One. But with this proviſion, That according as the Vacancies in the *North* ſhall be filled, and the Neceſſity of Supplies grows leſs, The remoteſt of the ſaids Synods ſhall be firſt Eaſed. And farther becauſe, the Synods of *Glaſgow*, *Galloway* and *Drumfrees*, are not to meet in their reſpective provincial Aſſemblies, before the expiring of the Firſt *Quarter* of the above appointed time; Therefore the General Aſſembly doth now Nominate and Appoint the Miniſters aftermamed, to be ſent *North*, in manner aftermentioned, From theſe Three Synods for the Second *Quarter*, *viz.* From the Synod of *Glaſgow* Mr. *John Laury* at *Auchinleck*, Mr. *Archibald Hamiltonn* at *Cambuſlang*, Mr. *Alexander King* at *Bonnel*, and Mr. *David Meldrum* Preacher. From the Synod of *Galloway* Mr. *Andrew Ewart* at *Kells*. And from the Synod of *Drumfrees*, Mr *George Boyd* at *Glencairn*.

And the General Aſſemby Recommends to the reſpective Presbyteries, to take care to ſupply the Kirks of theſe Miniſters; And alſo of ſuch as are upon the Commiſſion to meet at *Edinburgh*, And of theſe that are upon the Committee that is to go to the *North*, during their abſence, And that in a more punctual way than other Vacancies.

XV.

Recommendation anent Vacant Stipends.

Eadem Seſſione.

THE General Aſſembly Finding it neceſſary for Support and Propagation of the Work of the Goſpel, To ſend a conſiderable Number of Miniſters, from the Remoteſt parts of this Kingdom, to the Synods in the North, which doth Require a neceſſary Expence. And it being found in Law, That ſuch as ſo ſerve Vacant Congregations, Merit and ought to be Maintained out of the Stipend, during the time that they ſerve; Which certainly is the moſt proper and preferable Pious Uſe a Stipend can be applied to: Therefore the General Aſſembly doth humbly Deſire Their Majeſties High Commiſſioner, That he would in the Aſſemblies Name Apply to Their Majeſties, For a General Recommendation to the Lords of Privy Council, Lords of Theaſury and Exchequer, Lords of Seſſion and other Judges whatſomever, In Favours of ſuch as ſhall by Order foreſaid ſerve Vacant Congregations; That they may have acceſs for Maintainance out of the Vacant Stipends, during the time they ſerve.

XVI.

Act anent Intruſion upon Kirks.

Eadem Seſſione.

THE General Aſſembly being Informed, that there are diverſe Churches Intruded upon, by ſeveral Perſons, in a moſt Illegal and Unwarrantble Manner; DOTH therefore Recommend to the Commiſſion of this Aſſembly which is to meet at *Edinburgh*, and to the Committee for the North *Reſpective* to make Enquiry thereinto, And to Apply to the Lords of Privy Council, to declare the Intruſion; To the effect, the Kirks Intruded into, may be orderly planted with their Lordſhips Aſſiſtance.

XVII.

XVII.

Act anent Exercise and Addition, Privy Censures, and Bursars of Theology.

Eadem Sessione,

THE General Assembly Doth Earnestly Recomend to the several Presbytries within this Church, to set up the use of Exercise and Addition; As also that of Privy Censures; Conform to the ancient practice of this Church: And appoints their Diligence therein, to be Recorded in their Respective Registers. And siclike the General Assembly hereby Recommends to the several Presbytries, that they be careful to keep and Maintain Bursars of Theology, Conform to the ancient practice and the Acts of former General Assemblies made thereanent.

XVIII.

Commission of the General Assembly for some Commissioners to meet at Edinburgh.

Edinburgh 17 *April* 1694. Post Meridiem Sess. 15. *& Ult.*

THE General Assembly of this National Church, Taking to Consideration, How Requisite it is in the present Juncture, That there be a Commission appointed for such Affairs as this Assembly sees fit to Commit thereto; DOTH therefore by these presents, Nominat and appoint, Master *William Mckay* Minister at *Dornoch*, Mr. *William Stewart* at *Kiltearne*, Mr *Hugh Anderson* at *Cromarty*, Mr. *Alexander Dumbar* at *Aldearn*, Mr. *Alexander Forbes* at *Dyke*, Mr. *Thomas Thomson* at *Forress*, Mr. *James Urquart* at *Kinloss*, Mr. *Francis Melvill* at *Arbuthnet*, Mr. *John Spalding* at *Dundee*, Mr. *Thomas Forrester* at St. *Andrews*, Mr. *Andrew Bowie* at *Cruss*, Mr. *John Anderson* at *Lesly*, Mr. *Archibald Riddel* at *Weems*, Mr. *Edward Jamieson* at *Monymail*, Mr. *Samuel Nairn* at *Errol*, Mr. *Michael Potter* at *Dumblain*, Mr. *George Turnbull* at *Alloway*.

Mr. Alexander Douglaſs at Logy, Mr. John Law at Edinburgh, Mr. David Blair there, Mr. James Kirton there, Mr. George Meldrum there, Mr. Gilbert Rule there, Mr. George Campbel there, Mr. William Mein at Dalkeith, Mr. William Burnet at Calder, Mr. John Anderſon at Weſt-Kirk, Mr. John Moncreiſe at Edinburgh, Mr. Thomas Wilky in Canongate, Mr. William Crichton at Falkirk, Mr. Patrick Cuming at Ormiſtoun, Mr. George Barclay at Strathbrock, Mr. John Vetch at Weſteruther, Mr. Gabriel Semple at Jedburgh, Mr. William Vetch at Drumfrees, Mr. Robert Paton at Carlaverock, Mr. William Jack at Biggar, Mr. Archibald Hamiltoun at Wigton, Mr. David Williamſon at Weſt-Kirk, Mr. James Osburne at Kilmarnock, Mr. Thomas Lining at Leſmahagoe, Mr. Patrick Simpſon at Renfrew, Mr. William Dunlap Principal of the Colledge of Glaſgow, Mr. Robert Langlands at Glaſgow, Mr. John Monro at Rotheſay, Mr. Mungo Watſon at Gladſmure, Mr. Thomas Ramſay at Calder, Mr. Charles Gordon at Dalmeny, Mr. William Boyd at Dalry, and Mr. William Mackie at Portmoak, Miniſters: With William Earle of Crawfurd, George Earle of Sutherland, Robert Viſcount of Arbuthnet, William Lord Roſs, David Lord Ruthven, Patrick Lord Polwarth, Robert Maſter of Burleigh, Adam Coskburn of Ormiſtoun Lord Juſtice Clerk, Sir Coline Campbel of Aberuchill and Mr. John Hamiltoun of Halcraig, Two of the Senators of the Colledge of Juſtice, Mr. Francis Montgomery of Giffane, Lodovick Grant of that Ilk, Duncan Forbes of Colloden, James Brody of that Ilk, Adam Drummond of Meggins, William Bayly of Lamingtoun, John Home of Nynewells, Sir John Hall of Dunglas preſent Lord Proveſt of Edinburgh, James Pringle of Torwoodlie, Sir Coline Campbel of Ardkinlas, Sir Thomas Stewart of Kirkfield, Sir Archbald Mure of Thorntoun, Forbes of Eight, David Roſs of Balnagown, and Adam Gordon of Dalfolly Ruling Elders: TO be Commiſſioners of this General Aſſembly, to the effect after expreſt. WITH full power and Commiſſion to the ſaids perſons, or their Quorum which is hereby declared to be any *Fifteen* of the ſaids Commiſſioners, whereof *Ten* at leaſt are alwayes to be Miniſters, To meet and Conveen within the *Aſſembly-Houſe* at *Edinburgh*, upon the Day next and Immediatly following the Diſſolution of this General Aſſembly, at Ten a Clock in the Forenoon, for their firſt Meeting: And to appoint their After-Diets of Meeting, as they ſhall ſee convenient: As alſo to chuſe their own Moderator, in caſe of the Abſence of the Moderator of this Aſſembly. And ſiclike the General Aſſembly fully Impowers and Authorizes the ſaids Commiſſioners and their *Quorum* foreſaid, To Conſider, Cognoſce and finally determine, as they ſhall ſee cauſe, In all References, Appeals and other Matters,

ters, That have been, or shall be particularly Remitted to them, for that effect, By any Act or Order of this Assembly; All which are holden as herein expresst: And specially to proceed and Cognosce in every thing, contained in, and conform to the Overtures and Instructions thereanent, Approven by the General Assembly upon the thirteenth Day of *April* Instant, Intituled *Overtures anent A Commission of the General Assembly, and Instructions thereto*, as fully and freely, as if the same were in these presents, at full length insert and set down; Likeas the General Assembly hereby Prohibites the saids Commissioners, to medle in any other matter, not herein contained. Declaring also that in and for all their Actings, the saids Commissioners shall be Countable to, and Censurable by the next ensuing General Assembly of this Church. And lastly the General Assembly hereby Declares, that this Commission shall continue till the second Tuesday of *April*, One Thousand Six Hundred and Nynty five Years, or the next Meeting of the General Assembly, which of these Two shall first happen.

XIX.

Commission of the General Assembly to a Committee for the North side of Tay.

Eadem Sessione.

THE General Assembly of this National Church, Taking to Consideration, How Requisite it is in the present Juncture, That there be a Committee Appointed for the North side of *Tay*, for such Affairs as the Assembly sees fit to commit thereto, DOTH therefore by these presents Nominat and Appoint, Master *William Crichtoun* Minister at *Falkirk*, Mr. *David Williamson* at *Westkirk*, Mr. *Patrick Cuming* at *Ormistoun*, Mr. *Robert Langlands* at *Glasgow*, Mr. *James Osburn* at *Kilmarnock*, Mr. *William Dunlap* Principal of the Colledge of *Glasgow*, Mr. *John Anderson* at *Lesly*, Mr. *William Boyd* at *Dalry*, Mr. *George Turnbul* at *Alloway*, Mr. *Mungo Watson* at *Gladsmure*, Mr. *Charles Gordon* at *Dalmeny*, Mr. *Archibald Riddel* at *Weems*, Mr. *John Monro* at *Rothesay*, Mr. *Alexander Douglass* at *Logie* and Mr. *William Mackie* at *Portmoak* Ministers: With *David* Lord *Ruthven*, *Robert* Master of *Burleigh*, *James Pringle* of *Torwoodlie*, *Adam Drummond* of *Meggins*, and *John Home* of *Ninewells* Ruling Elders: Toge-

ther with these Ministers and Ruling Elders of the *North* aftermentioned, that are contained in another Commission of this Assembly, Appointed to meet at *Edinburgh*, dated and past upon the day and date of these presents. *viz.* Mr. *William Mckay* Minister at *Dornoch*, Mr. *William Stewart* at *Kiltearn*, Mr. *Hugh Anderson* at *Cromarty*, Mr. *Alexander Dumbar* at *Aldearne*, Mr. *Alexander Forbes* at *Dyke*, Mr. *Thomas Thomson* at *Forress*, Mr. *James Urquhart* at *Kinloss*, Mr. *Francis Melvil* at *Arbuthnet*, Mr. *John Spalding* at *Dundee* and Mr. *Samuel Nairn* at *Errol* Ministers; With *Robert* Viscount of *Arbuthnet*, *Lodovick Grant* of that *Ilk*, *James Brodie* of that *Ilk*, *Duncan Forbes* of *Colloden*, *David Ross* of *Balnagown*, *Adam Gordon* of *Dalfolly*, and ____ *Forbes* of *Eight* Ruling Elders: Together also with any others that shall be added to them by the said Commission which is to meet at *Edinburgh*, out of their own Number: TO be a Committee of this General Assembly for the North-side of *Tay*, to the effect after expresst. WITH full Power and Commission to the saids Persons or their *Quorum*, which is hereby Declared to be any *Thirteen* of the said Committee, of whom *Seven* shall be of these Commissioners, who are on the South-side of *Tay*, and of these Seven *Five* at least to be Ministers, To Meet and Conveen at such Time and Place as the foresaid other Commission which is to meet at *Edinburgh*, shall Appoint, for their first meeting; With Power to the said Committee and their *Quorum* foresaid, To appoint their own After-diets and Places of Meeting, as they shall see convenient, As also to chuse their own Moderator. And siclike the General Assembly hereby fully Impowers and Authorizes the said Committee and *Quorum* thereof aforesaid, To Consider, Cognosce and finally Determine, in all References, Appeals and other Matters, that have been, or shall be particularly Remitted to them, for that effect, by any Act or Order of this Assembly; All which are holden as herein expresst. And specially to Proceed and Cognosce in every thing, contained in, and conform to the Overtures and Instructions thereanent, approven by this Assembly upon the Thirteenth day of *April* instant, Intituled, *Overtures anent A Commission of the General Assembly and Instructions thereto*, as fully and freely, as if the same were in these Presents, at full length Inserted and set down; Likeas the General Assembly hereby prohibites the said Committee, To medle in any other Matter, not herein contained. Declaring also, That in and for all their Actings, the said Committee shall be Countable to, and Censurable by the next ensuing General Assembly of this Church. And Lastly, the General Assembly hereby Declares, That this Commission shall continue till the Second Tuesday of *April*, One Thou-

Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Five Years, or the Meeting of the next General Assembly, which of these Two shall first happen.

XX.

Act anent the Irish *Psalms.*

Eadem Sessione.

THE General Assembly of this National Church, Taking to Consideration, That there is a Compleat Paraphrase of the whole Psalms in *Irish* Meeter, Approven and Emitted by the Synod of *Argyl*, who understand the *Irish* Language, Conform to an Act of the General Assembly 1690. Together with a Translation of the Shorter Catechism of this Church in *Irish*, Bound with the saids Psalms in one Volume. And the General Assembly Understanding, That in some parts of this National Church, where Preaching and Prayer are used in *Irish*, The Psalms are Sung at the same Diet in a different Language, whereby an Uniformity in the Worship of God is marred, and many of the People deprived of the Benefit of Praising God in a Known Tongue: Therefore, as the General Assembly doth hereby Appoint, That this Incongruous Way of Worshiping God shall be hereafter forborn; So they do Recommend to all Congregations and Families, who Worship God in the *Irish* Language, to make use of the said Paraphrase therein; And also to make use of the foresaid Translation of the Shorter Catechism, as an Uniform Mean of Catechising the People.

XXI.

Act against fixing in the Lowlands of Preachers who have the Irish *Language.*

Eadem Sessione.

THE General Assembly of this National Church, Taking to Consideration, That the *Highlands* of *Scotland* are Deprived of many Preachers, who have the *Irish* Lan-

guage, Contrary to diverse Acts of former General Assemblies; Which is occasioned in a great part, by the fixing of such as have the *Irish* Language, in Congregations within the *Lowlands*: Therefore the General Assembly Doth hereby seriously Recommend to all Presbytries, That they fix No such Preachers or Intrants as have the *Irish* Language, in any Congregations within the Lowlands of *Scotland*, without the Consent of, and a Testificat from The Presbytries in the *Highlands*, where they formerly Resided. And this Act to continue till such time as the *Highlands* shall be competently provided with Ministers.

The next General *Assembly of this National Church, is to be held at* Edinburgh, *The first Thursday of* April 1695 Years.

The Assembly *being clos'd; The Members were dismiss'd with Prayer, Singing of the* 122 *Psalm and pronouncing of the Blessing.*

Collected, Visied and Extracted, From the Records of the General Assembly, By Me. ROB. PARK.

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FINIS.

ADVERTISEMENT.

The Fourteenth Act *of this Aſſembly* (Intituled, Act Appointing ſome Miniſters for Supply of the North) *having Remitted to the Commiſſion of the General Aſſembly to direct theſe Miniſters to what Synods in the North they ſhould go* (They being thereafter to be adviſed by the Miniſters in theſe reſpective Synods to what particular Congregations they ſhould apply themſelves) It was thought fit for the better Information of all Concerned, That the Act of the Commiſſion paſt thereanent ſhould be hereto ſubjoined. The Tenor whereof follows.

Edinburgh, 18 April 1694. *Ante Meridiem.*

THE COMMISSIONERS appointed by the late General Aſſembly to meet at *Edinburgh*, Taking to Conſideration, That the ſaid Aſſembly by their Act dated the 16 of *April* Inſtant, Ordained thoſe who were appointed for the firſt Quarter to go and Preach in the *North*, To Repair to this Commiſſion, and receive Directions, to go to ſuch particular Synods in the *North* as the ſaid Commiſſion ſhould Direct; Have therefore Appointed, and hereby Appoint theſe Miniſters under written, To go to the reſpective places aftermentioned, And that betwixt and the firſt Sabbath of *June* next: *viz.* Mr. *Thomas Ruſſel* and Mr. *James Haddow*, to the Town of *Aberdeen*. Mr. *John Murdoch* and Mr. *William Somervel*, To *Angus* and *Mearns*. The Miniſter from the Synod of *Perth*, to be Appointed by the ſaid Synod, To ſupply *Ratray*. Mr. *George Guthry* and Mr. *Robert Livingſtoun*, To the Shire of *Aberdeen*, which Two are to be directed as to the particular places, by the Miniſters that are preſently at *Aberdeen*, and by the Miniſters of *Dundee*. Mr. *John Dyſart*, Mr. *James Brisbane*, Mr. *Andrew Tait*, Mr. *John Glaſgow*, Mr *Andrew Rodgers* and Mr. *Duncan Campbel* (or any other for him having the *Iriſh* Tongue, whom the Presbytry of *Dumbartoun* ſhall Appoint) To *Murray*. Mr. *John Frazer*, Mr. *Donald Campbel* and Mr. *Robert Colvil*, To *Roſs*, *Sutherland* and *Caithneſs*.